

# Family

## Kids' trip a treat from library, grants

The Pioneer Memorial Library sponsored a "Library in Motion" field trip last Saturday to Manitou Springs, Colo.

Originally planned for April 18, the trip had to be rescheduled due to heavy snow.

Judy and Vernon Kleinsorge and Debbie Tittel accompanied 18 middle-school youngsters from Thomas County on an action-packed outing to the Manitou Cliff Dwellings, Cave of the Winds and Seven Falls, capped off with a fun-filled evening at Mr. Biggs, a family entertainment center in Colorado Springs.

In addition to a nominal fee, the trip was supported by a grant from the City of Colby Police Special Law Enforcement Fund at the Thomas County Community Foundation, a special grant from the Northwest Kansas Library System for youth programs and the Friends of the Pioneer Memorial Library.

The day turned out to be rainy and filled with soupy fog, which had to be a disappointment for a few of the kids who had never been to Colorado. They missed seeing Pikes Peak, and the grand vista of the Rockies from the plains that can be seen from Limon. That was the only blotch on an otherwise perfect day, however.

The Manitou Cliff Dwellings are a small collection of 13th and 14th century structures inhabited by the Ancient Puebloans. This small neighborhood housed approximately 20 families. We were free to touch and even go inside dwellings.

Next to the cliff dwellings was a three-story Pueblo-style building that housed the Anasazi museum and a gift shop. The museum has been operating since 1906 and displayed excellent artifacts of ceramics and materials that archeologists had uncovered in the area.

After the excitement of driving up the twisting road to the entrance to Cave of the Winds, the real thrill was to be found on the Lantern Tour.

At one time there were two competing caves here: Cave of the Winds and Grand Caverns. They are now joined and the group had to literally run through the Cave of the Winds to get to the Grand Caverns entrance.

Here they were given hand-held lanterns and guided through the caverns by dim light. The guides entertained the group with ghost stories and showed off spectacular geologic formations. At one point,

### Judy Kleinsorge

#### Library Links

everyone blew out their flames and stood in the complete darkness (as in "can't see your hand in front of your face dark") for a short time. An hour and a half later, the group emerged after scrambling, bending (and nearly crawling) through the caverns.

Then on to Seven Falls, which cascades 181 feet in seven distinct steps down a solid cliff of Pikes Peak granite. Next to the falls was a 224-step stairway which the kids scaled quickly.

Blasted 14 stories straight up through solid granite, a mountain elevator safely transported the adults and some of the youngsters to the "Eagles Nest" platform to get a spectacular view of the falls. Others chose to climb the stairs to the platform - some doing it more than once in order to claim that they had "climbed" 400 stairs.

From there, it was on to Mr. Biggs, a huge family entertainment center. For two hours, the kids could drive go-karts, ride bumper cars in a "black-light cave," or play miniature golf, laser tag and Battle Tech. Oh, and eat from the pizza/pasta buffet.

Just over 16 hours later, the group arrived back in Colby, worn and weary - well, the adults were - the youngsters were still going strong. Most said that they were looking forward to the next trip, which the library hopes to have in the fall.

There will be a Mother's Day Live Flower and Plant Sale sponsored by Sharing the Bounty and the Friends on Saturday, the day before Mother's Day. This sale allows children between age 3 and fifth grade to come and pick out a plant or flower for their mother for the minimal cost of \$4 each.

Fathers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends should bring the kids in between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday to make their own choice just for Mom. The sales will benefit the Friends.

The library will, of course, be open on Saturday, but closed for Mother's Day on Sunday. Let's all take time to celebrate our moms, grandmothers and other special women who have affected our lives.

## Shakespeare Club

Joyce Hansen was hostess for Shakespeare Club at her home on April 25. They opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Club Collect.

Cards were signed for Phyllis Elliott and for Kathy Calliham.

The club chose to continue participation in the Three of Clubs, with Kathy Calliham agreeing to serve as coordinator for the Shakespeare Club. She will meet with other club leaders to determine schedule and programs.

The club voted to continue with monthly meetings, September through May, and will exclude November and December, which will be with the Three of Clubs. The hostess will continue to chair the meeting and Sheila Frahm has volunteered to serve as club secretary. Joyce Hansen will prepare

the program book.

The club will meet at noon at the El Dos de Oros restaurant, located in the Quality Inn, for a Dutch Treat lunch. Jane Bandy will review the annual scrap book. Members are asked to remember to bring the \$20 dues for club year 2009-2010.

Verna Wiens confirmed the traditional Hoby donation would be sent this year, though there is not a student from Colby. The donation supports forensic students as they qualify to travel to national contest. It will be sent to instructor Nancy Rundel. Students are Gray Henry and Kayla Sloan.

Members reviewed their past, present and planned work with family records history while they enjoyed rhubarb dessert made by Lois Van Horn. - Sheila Frahm

## Colby grad weds in Manhattan

Lenay L. Rundel and Justin L. Marteney were married on Friday, Oct. 10, 2008, at Westview Community Church in Manhattan. The wedding was performed by the groom's brother, Derrek Marteney, and Pastor Pat Bennett.

Lenay is the daughter of Bob and Pam Rundel of Colby, and the granddaughter of Betty and the late John Rundel of Colby, and Merle and Helen Metzler of Brewster. She is a 1999 graduate of Colby High School.

Justin is the son of Richard and Pat Marteney of Wamego, and the grandson of Leonard and the late Lena Marteney of Buhler, Maxine and the late Otis Monk of Elmo, Mo., and the late Wallace and Edith Miller. He graduated from Rock Creek High School in 1996.

Escorted by her father, the bride walked down the aisle to a song she wrote and recorded for the groom. She wore a silk taffeta gown in light ivory, with a chapel length train.

The prelude was performed by Nate McClen-don on the saxophone, accompanied by John Weaver. Ron Lackey and Susie Klutz sang a duet of "When God Made You," while Jack Lousch did "I Will Be Here" during the lighting of the unity candle.

The groom's sister-in-law, Stephanie Marteney, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Carey Holtwick Bethell, Sarah Evert, Sarah Heier, Erica Parkinson and Tiffany Parker. The bride's sister, Tatym Rundel, was junior bridesmaid. Flower girls were Samantha Marteney and Jena Boelens, nieces of the groom.

Derrek Marteney, brother of the groom, was the best man. Groomsmen were Abram Slingsby, Jesse Howard and Brett Lix, and brothers of the bride Wyatt and Brady Rundel. The groom's nephew,



Mr. and Mrs. Marteney

Tyler Marteney, was a junior groomsman.

Ushers were Kyle Lix, Jeremiah Popelka, Matt Frederking, Ben Schaffer and Roger Jueneman. Nephews Dakota and Stormy Marteney carried the rings.

Bethany Marteney was candle lighter and Erinn Marteney was program attendant; both are nieces of the groom. Sarah Hanzlick Timmons manned the guest book and gift table.

The couple honeymooned in Riviera Maya, Mexico, before returning home to Riley. The bride is a product manager for the Master Teacher and the groom is a landscape salesman and crew supervisor at the Blueville Nursery.

## Deaths

### Francis Bernard Beckman

Francis Bernard Beckman, 87, formerly of Menlo, died April 23, 2009, at the Sheridan County Long Term Care Unit in Hoxie.

Born Nov. 18, 1921, he was a lifelong resident of Sheridan County. He was a farmer, and enjoyed working the land. His work was his hobby until, with his health failing, he entered the nursing unit in 2003.

He graduated from Menlo Consolidated High School, attended Fort Hays State Teachers College and taught school in Seguin.

He was a lifetime member of St. Martin's Catholic Church in Seguin, where he served on the parish council for many terms, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He served on the Seguin School Board, the board of the Grinnell Union Mercantile Co-op, the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service county com-

mittee, and the Farmers Home Administration advisory board in Hill City.

In October 1942, he entered the Army and he served with the 493rd Armored Artillery Battalion in the European Theater. He was awarded many citations, including the Purple Heart. He suggested naming his division the "Hellcats" and won \$2,500 and a 15-day furlough. He was a member of the the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the 493th Hellcat Division Association.

He was discharged in January 1946 and returned to the Menlo area to farm. He married Rita Lindeman on April 22, 1947, at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Angelus. He loved animals and sports, especially bowling. He played Menlo town team basketball for several years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Anna

Beckman, and brothers, William Beckman Jr., James Beckman and Charles Beckman.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Carlotta Ann (Vic) Ignacio of Clifton, Va.; Lynette Marie (Ron) Ball, of Menlo; and Nancy Louise Beckman, of Ashburn, Va; a son, Stuart Francis (Anita) Beckman, Menlo; three sisters, Anna Bell Ostmeyer, Hoxie; Bea (Kay) Driver, Goodland; and Rose Marie Hartman, Grainfield; two brothers, Robert Beckman of Longmont, Colo., and Dennis Beckman of Colorado Springs; six grandchildren; a step-grandchild; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were April 27, 2009, at the church, with burial in St. Martin's Cemetery in Seguin. Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, Hoxie, was in charge of arrangements.

## Booking Log

Booked into the Thomas County jail:

- Jason Charles George, 24, Oakley, April 9, parole violation, Northwest Kansas Community Corrections, released April 24 to Kansas Department of Corrections.
- Bradley James Buchanan, 34, Oakley, April 20, criminal damage to property, assault, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released Monday on bond.
- Angela Kay Tubbs, 21, Colby, April 23, giving a worthless check, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released same day for fines and court costs.
- Dallas Wayne Staples Jr., 48, St. Francis, April 25, driving while suspended/revoked, Colby Police

Department, released same day on notice to appear.

- Joseph Dean Harper, 29, Colby, April 26, driving while suspended, Colby Police Department, released same day on notice to appear.
- Marshal Anthony Criswell, 29, Levant, April 27, disorderly conduct, Colby Police Department, released same day on notice to appear.
- Ciara Gabriela Lopez, 18, Phoenix, April 27, possession of drug paraphernalia, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released same day on recognizance.
- Yara Ivette Lopez, 28, Phoenix, April 27, possession of drug paraphernalia, Thomas County Sheriff's Office, released same

day on recognizance.

- Noel M. Johnson Sr., 46, Pittsburg, April 29, possession of marijuana with intent, unlawful use of a communication device, no drug tax stamp, Kansas Highway Patrol, released Friday on \$100,000 bond.
- Faith R. Roberts, 35, Pittsburg, April 29, possession of marijuana with intent, no drug tax stamp, unlawful use of a communication device, Kansas Highway Patrol, released Friday on \$100,000 bond.

## Museum plans painting classes

There will be a "Joy of Painting" workshop at the Dane G. Hansen Museum in Logan from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, June 6 and 7.

T.R. Mathews and Sandy Seamone of Arriba, Colo., certified Bob Ross instructors, will instruct, step by step, demonstrating how to paint the Bob Ross way.

The class will paint "Valley of the Teepees" on Saturday and "Sunlight Path" on Sunday. Cost is \$50 per day, including supplies.

For information, call (785) 689-4846 or go to www.hansenmuseum.org.

## Babies

### Jacob Ortner

Jacob William Ortner, son of Ryan and Kate Ortner of Colby, was born April 23, 2009, at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Brothers Jonathan and Tommy and sisters Lauren and Miah welcomed the baby home.

Grandparents are Jim and Joani Arens and Robert and Carol Ortner, all of Ainsworth, Neb. Great-grandparents are Rita Arens of Stewart, Neb., and Melvin and Dorothy Ortner of Mapleton, Iowa.

## Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

## Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$5.56
Corn (bushel)	\$3.72
Milo (hundredweight)	\$5.78
Soybeans (bushel)	\$10.18

MOVIES

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NOW SHOWING

May 1st - May 7th

X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE

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PG-13 1 Hour, 47 Minutes  
Friday & Saturday 7:00 & 9:00  
Sunday -Thursday 7:00

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Sports Physicals

Thursday, May 14

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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on-call

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